

KENTUCKY

1. Memorandum of Understanding with the Ministry of Education, Culture and Sports of the Embassy of Spain – This agreement was signed 1999 to facilitate the recruitment of teachers of Spanish and ESL. The number of teaching positions filled by visiting teachers from Spain is the following: 9 (1999-2000); 19 (2000-2001); and 19 (2001-2002). In addition, 7 Kentucky teachers have received scholarships for summer study in Salamanca, Spain.

The Kentucky Department of Education's 3-year cooperation with Spain has resulted in a total of 31 Visiting Teachers placed in Kentucky elementary through secondary schools throughout the Commonwealth. (Some teachers chose to stay for a second or third year.) All but one teacher has taught Spanish. The sole exception is a teacher of ESL.

2. Memorandum of Agreement with the Embassy of France (representing the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Ministry of Education) and the Académie de Dijon – Signed on February 14, 2002, this agreement was the first of its kind between a state department of education and an academic region in France. Included among the collaborative projects are the following:
 - Visiting Teachers Program – This program is being piloted with one teacher during the 2002-03 school year.
 - English Teaching Assistants Program – Undergraduate and graduate students from Kentucky's postsecondary institutions are recruited to teach English in elementary and secondary schools throughout the Académie de Dijon.
 - Professional Development – Scholarships are offered to teachers from the Académie de Dijon to participate in summer Kentucky Teacher Academies; (2002: 1 social studies, 1 English; projected for 2003 1 social studies, 1 English, 1 science.) Scholarships are offered to teachers of French from Kentucky to participate in a summer 3-week program on The French Education System. This program will be developed and delivered jointly by the DOE, the Rectorat and the IUFM. It is anticipated that this cooperation will lead to a joint teacher preparation project.
 - School Administrator Project – Kentucky school administrators are invited to attend a one-week spring workshop in Dijon where they will be introduced to the French educational system and foreign language education in France.
 - Resource Development and Exchange – Kentucky hosted a student journalist/videographer representative of TYPO, the student online newspaper from the Académie de Dijon. He is currently producing 16 digital video reports on Kentucky, including an interview with Nick Clooney, a feature story on urban problems, and a report on Kentucky teens. An exchange of educational materials is planned between the Académie and Kentucky Educational Television. Both agencies envision shared web resources on their homepages.
 - History-Geography Teacher Professional Development – Kentucky college and university history departments have agreed to host secondary school history-geography teachers for one to two semesters. During this time the teachers attend and assist in the instruction of courses, build a network of local social studies teachers interested in collaborating with French schools, and improve their English in order to teach in the European sections of their schools.
3. Memorandum of Understanding with the Kentucky Department of Education, the Jefferson County Public Schools and the Barbados Ministry of Education – This MOU was signed in 2002 to recruit teachers for the Jefferson County Public Schools. Contact: Angela Reed, areed1@jefferson.k12.ky.us.

4. Kentucky Institute for International Studies – The Kentucky Institute for International Studies is a consortium of colleges and universities dedicated to providing quality experiences which meet the needs of students, faculty, academic institutions, and community organizations, always taking into consideration the changing times and shifting demands of a global society. Such opportunities include, among others, job-related Spanish language instruction in Mexico for the Fayette County police department, social workers and health care workers; scientific and environmental projects in Costa Rica, and language and culture programs throughout the world. Contact: Milton Grimes, Murray State University, Murray, KY <http://www.kiis.org/>.
5. Kentucky Teacher Professional Growth Fund – The TPGF provides grants of up to \$2,500 per year for middle school teachers. This grant supports international travel and study. Contact: Anne Bartosh, abartosh@kde.state.ky.us.
6. Intel International Science Fair – Louisville, Kentucky was the host city of this year's Intel International Science Fair on May 12-17, 2002. Contact: Anne Bartosh, abartosh@kde.state.ky.us.
7. Negotiations are currently in the works for an agreement with Mexico – Dr. Oscar Vazquez Montiel, Mexico's Southeast region Delegate of the National Council for Science and Technology (CONACYT) who's objective was to form collaborative projects with Quintana Roo, Mexico. Contact: Anne Keating, KDE, akeating@kde.state.ky.us.
8. Kentucky Writing Program – The Program partners with the Bread Loaf School of English to initiate international teacher exchanges of student work and projects. Students can e-mail work and commentary to each other, and teachers collaboratively plan units. Contact: Cherry Boyles, cboyles@kde.state.ky.us.

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